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The Honorable John P. Sarbanes
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Sarbanes:

Thank you for your letter of April 10, 2009, urging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to proceed expeditiously to develop regulations for the storage and disposal of all forms of coal combustion residuals (CCR) in landfills or abandoned mines.

As you know, Administrator Jackson has committed to propose regulations for the storage and disposal of CCR in landfills and surface impoundments by the end of this calendar year. In developing the regulations, we will consider the points you raised in your letter, including addressing disposal sites like the one in Gambrills, Maryland. We look forward to working with regulatory authorities in Maryland and other states as we develop federal standards to protect human health and the environment through the proper management of CCR.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may call Amy Hayden, in EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, at (202) 564-0555.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry N. Breen", is written over the word "Sincerely,". The signature is stylized and extends horizontally across the page.

Barry N. Breen
Acting Assistant Administrator